



## Laconia Links

May 4, 2012 - Edition #30



Springtime in Rotary Park

## Recycling Update

2 week total - April 16 thru April 27

Route	Total Tons Collected	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
	(MSW + Recycling)				
Remote Sites		22.67	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	23.85	5.05	21%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	32.74	7.38	23%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	37.46	5.29	14%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	33.71	5.37	16%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	38.08	4.78	13%	10%	Baer

**Recycling works.....Thanks to everyone who helped increase our percentage of recyclables during this 2 week period!**

Curbside Ave = 16.8 %      Curbside Ave = 12.1%      Prior 2 weeks = 14.4%

**Reminder!** The next recycling collection week begins Monday, May 7!



### Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

**Please Note** Mark your calendar!

The Laconia Public Library will be closed all day on Saturday, May 5th for carpet installation. We apologize for the inconvenience!

Access the Library's Website [here!](#)

Please call the Library at 524-4775 with questions.

**Welcome to Laconia Links** a weekly e-mail newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

Look for a new edition of the newsletter each Friday. If you have already signed up to be on our distribution list to receive your newsletter by e-mail, thank you for your interest! If you would like to be added to our e-mail list (or to unsubscribe), please click [here](#).

As always, we welcome your ideas and comments as to what you would like to see included in future issues. Just give us a call in the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or contact us by e-mail at [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*We look forward to keeping you up to date on our beautiful City!*



## Gifted Hands



**Date:** May 7, 2012 **Venue:** **Time:** 6:30 PM  
Laconia Public Library

*This is a story about a black man struggling to be accepted as he grew up and entered a white physician's world. As the only black student in his class, Ben Carson, was teased as the dumbest kid in school. Raised by a single mother who only went through third grade, she pushed her two children to succeed by making them get off the couch watching TV and to start reading in order to focus on their studies. Ben thus went from being the child with the lowest grades in class to attending an Ivy League school. Through faith he became a man who would use his gifts to help children that nobody else was able to. He is the first doctor to successfully separate conjoined twins at the head. A best-selling author, he also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2008 from then President Bush.*

- ♦ Free and open to the public
- ♦ Informal discussion to follow the film
- ♦ Light snack will be provided
- ♦ Feel free to bring a comfortable folding chair

Sponsored by the Laconia Human Relations Committee and the Laconia Public Library

*For more information, please contact:*

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## Lilies For The Lakes Region



**Reminder!**

*Tomorrow (Saturday, May 5th) is daylily planting day!*

The Laconia Rotary Club is paying for the plants, and is requesting volunteers to help plant them. The Club is also happily accepting donations to help with the cost at \$1/plant. Rain or shine, plan to meet at Rotary Park Grandstand beginning at 8am (with a shovel or hoe in hand) for coffee and instructions. Call Dale Squires, at Belknap Landscape Co., 603/455-1594 or [dale@belknaplandscape.com](mailto:dale@belknaplandscape.com) for information.



## LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS MAY 5 and 12, 2012 8 AM to NOON

Please click [here](#) for additional info, or call Ann @ 528-6379

# Upcoming Meetings...

Keeping the public updated and aware of what's going on in our community and receiving residents' feedback is an important goal of the City Council.

Check each week's issue of *Laconia Links* for a schedule of the upcoming week's meetings. As agendas become available, they will be posted to the City's website. You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda.

Meetings are open to the public....you are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

Follow this [link](#) to the "Calendar" page of the City of Laconia's website. Click on a specific meeting for more information. Please check the "Calendar" page often for updated info and changes.

*Become involved  
in your City  
and make a difference!*

Meeting  
in  
Progress

### Human Relations Committee

May 8, 2012, 5:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B

### Motorcycle Technical Review Committee

May 9, 2012, 1:30 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### TRC I Meeting

May 9, 2012, 2:15 pm  
City Hall, Room 200A

### [Agenda](#)

### Heritage Commission

May 9, 2012, 5:00 pm  
City Hall, Room 200B



# Laconia Fire Department

Link to Fire Dept.'s Website [here](#)

With the warm weather upon us and the summer months right around the corner, families all over Laconia will be out of doors entertaining and grilling up delicious favorites.

We have put together a few tips to keep you and your guests safe and to help avoid grill fires and other emergencies.



## Use Barbecue Grills Safely

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. If you live in a multi-family home (more than 2 families), you cannot put a grill or any type of cooking device on your deck or balcony or within 10 feet of any structure.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when cooking food.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill. Use only outdoors! If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, barbecue grills can pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to carbon monoxide.

## Charcoal Grills

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store out of reach of children and away from heat sources. Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

## Propane Grills

- Check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will reveal escaping propane quickly by releasing bubbles. If you determined your grill has a gas leak by smell or the soapy bubble test and there is no flame:
  - Turn off the propane tank and grill.
  - If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
  - If the leak does not stop, call the Fire Department.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call 911. Do not attempt to move the grill.



- All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel.
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing lab. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

**Please contact the Laconia Fire Department  
at 524-6881 for  
additional information or questions.**



## Arbor Day Brings Plantings by Area Youth



Middle school student volunteers assisted by parents, Conservation Commission members, Waste Management employees and Belknap Landscape Co.

On April 28th, at Laconia's Transfer Station on Meredith Center Rd, volunteers planted native vegetation to enhance wildlife habitat, in particular for bluebirds, as part of the facility's efforts to qualify for certification of their wildlife habitat programs. Waste Mgmt., Laconia Conservation Commission and Belknap Landscape Company joined to teach volunteer students about recycling benefits, natural habitats and invasive species eradication.

Bird houses and bat shelters were built by a wood shop class at Belmont Middle School and installed on the structures last year. A year round bluebird population has since developed.

Separately, invasive species on the property were identified for elimination efforts to follow later this summer. Residents are encouraged to bring invasives to the Hilliard Road, Weirs Beach facility for proper and thorough burning. Questions? Call Ann at DPW at 528-6379.

## Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....



### Teen Game Day

Thursday, May 10th  
3 :30 pm  
Laconia Rotary Hall  
for teens in grades 6-12.

Come play "Dance, Dance Revolution" !

### Movies & More for Kids !

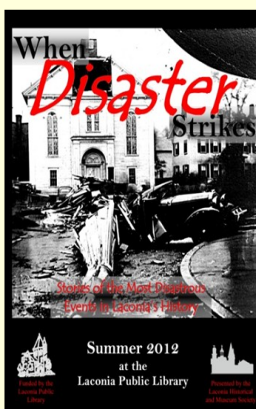
Friday, May 11th @ 3:45 p.m.  
in Laconia Rotary Hall: *Puss 'n Boots*, an animated movie starring the voices of Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek, and Zach Galfianakis.



This movie is rated PG. Admission is free. Kids under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 or older.

Access the Library's  
Website [here!](#)

## Laconia Historical & Museum Society



Laconia Historical & Museum Society announces the opening of its summer exhibit, *When Disaster Strikes: Stories of the Most Disastrous Events in Laconia's History*.

*When Disaster Strikes* will be on display at the Laconia Public Library from mid-May, through August, 2012, during normal library hours.

This exhibit is made possible through the support of the Laconia Public Library. For more info visit [www.LaconiaHistorical.org](http://www.LaconiaHistorical.org) or contact 603.527.1278, [lhmslpl@metrocast.net](mailto:lhmslpl@metrocast.net).

**Important  
DATE!**

Laconia Muskrats Opening Night  
for the 2012 NECBL season is  
Friday, June 8th at 6:30 pm!

Stay tuned for more info, or visit  
[www.laconiamuskrats.com](http://www.laconiamuskrats.com)



**LACONIA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



Wyatt Park Conceptual Design and  
Neighborhood Initiative Discussions

On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Laconia Community Center we will be discussing the future of Wyatt Park. We need the input of everyone. We want the neighbors, and users of the facility to come that evening and tell us what you want. This is your chance to have your say!

At this meeting we will also be discussing the new HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Community Grant that the City was awarded. This grant is designed for the Wyatt Park Neighborhood and will need a group of interested residents to help us with the initiative. This will be an opportunity to enhance the Wyatt Park neighborhood in a healthy way.

Click [here](#) for  
Parks & Rec. website

Call Parks & Rec at  
524-5046 w/questions

You are invited to join us in  
dedication of the  
Parents of Murdered  
Children Homicide  
Memorial Garden

**MAY 17, 2012  
11:00 am**

**Stewart Park  
Laconia, New Hampshire**

Located on the Northeast Corner  
of Main Street and Union Ave  
parking garage on  
Beacon Street East



In memory of those whose lives  
have been taken by violence.

For additional details please call Tanya  
at the Attorney General's Office  
(603) 271-3658



Click [here](#) for more info

**Lakes Region Rotary**  
LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**2nd Annual Community Yard Sale**

Clean out your attic for a great cause!

Saturday May 19th, 2012, 7 am to 2 pm

At Laconia Public Works Warehouse on Bisson Avenue, Laconia

Lakes Region Rotary will be accepting donations Saturday May 5 to  
Saturday May 12, 2012. Call (603) 556-8184 for drop off times.

**Laconia's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pooch Parade:**

**BOW WOW FEST 2012**

Saturday, May 5, 2012  
WOW Trail - Elm St. Entrance -  
Lakeport Square

Registration forms found at [www.wowtrail.org](http://www.wowtrail.org)

For info contact Claire Hebert at Melcher &  
Prescott Ins. 524-4535  
[chebert@melcher-prescott.com](mailto:chebert@melcher-prescott.com)

**Reminder!**







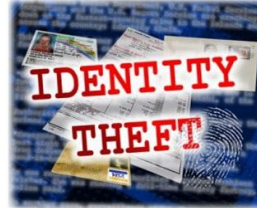
# Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia  
Police Dept  
Here](#)

## QUICK TIPS ON IDENTITY THEFT

### What is Identity Theft?

Identity theft is the crime of misusing someone's personal information to fraudulently set up bank accounts and credit facilities without that person's knowledge. Someone else pretends to be you to obtain credit, take out a loan, open an account, set up services or obtain identification.



### How does Identity Theft Occur?

1. Theft of company data
2. Looking through dumpsters/trash
3. Raiding an old computer
4. Mail theft
5. Skimming – an electronic method of capturing a victim's personal card information. The skimmer is a small device that scans a credit/debit card and stores the information contained on the magnetic strip.  
**Prevention-** Take your bill to the register/cover your pin/don't leave the merchant copy of your receipt if it contains full account info / always watch your credit card when you give it to someone / inspect ATMs for potential skimming devices / use ATMs in well-lit areas.
6. Unencrypted email/Malicious software
  1. Install and regularly update anti-virus software
  2. Install latest updates for operating systems and software
  3. Only provide personal information by email if you know it is being sent encrypted/secure



### Red flags for identity theft

1. You stop receiving regular monthly bills/statements
2. You are denied credit for no apparent reason
3. You receive calls or letters about purchases you did not make
4. You receive unexpected credit cards or account statements
5. You receive notice of a mail redirection/address change that you did not make
6. There are open loans or lines of credit on your credit that you do not recognize
7. Debt collectors try to collect debts that are not yours

### How to Prevent Identity Theft?

1. Purchase a shredder and shred sensitive documents
2. Empty your wallet of any identifying information/credit cards that you do not frequently use and/or may not realize are missing
3. Keep financial documents in a secure location
4. Limit the amount of personal information you provide online
5. If someone asks for your information, be sure to ask why they want it and what it is being used for
6. Never give out personal information over the phone or online if it is unsolicited
7. Opt out of pre-screened/pre-approved mailings: [optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com)
8. Monitor all accounts regularly for suspicious activity
9. Review your free consumer credit reports at least annually for discrepancies and/or fraudulent accounts  
[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

### What to do if you are a victim of Identity Theft?

1. Document and keep a detailed history of the crime
2. Immediately notify your bank and creditors
3. Keep track of all of your contacts
4. File a police report regarding the incident
5. Obtain supporting documents for any financial loss incurred
6. Place an initial fraud alert on your credit report (90 days) and continue to monitor your credit report.  
If necessary extend this alert for up to 7 years.

DETER·DETECT·DEFEND  
**AVOID** THEFT

## Laconia Public Library Upcoming Events.....

## The Connecticut: New England's River



On Thursday, May 10th @ 7 :00 p.m. in Laconia Rotary Hall the Library will present the lecture *The Connecticut: New England's River*.

The largest river in New England rises in a small beaver dam near the Canadian border and flows over 400 miles through four states, falling 2,670 feet to the sea through America's only watershed-based national fish and wildlife refuge.

Adair Mulligan, environmental biologist and natural resources planner, will provide an armchair tour of this great river in New Hampshire and Vermont, exploring its history and natural beauty through the seasons and among the communities that have sprung up along its banks. Much more than a travelogue, the lecture will explore the many issues involved in managing the health of this major river, and how citizens from all walks of life have created a vision for its future.



### **SPRING LEAF PICKUP**

**During the  
Week of May 7<sup>th</sup>**

Please click [here](#) for additional information  
or call Ann @ 528-6379

## ***CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPT. Decks, Sheds and Pools***

The Code Department is getting ready for Permit Applications for spring construction of Decks, Sheds and Pools! This is considered a Minor Building Permit and the [Application Form](#) is available online. Following are some helpful hints as you plan to submit your application for a deck:

### **DECKS:**

- Please note how high above ground the deck floor will be.
- Note setbacks to property lines.
- If you live in an association, please submit a letter of approval from your homeowners'/condominium association.
- Green space calculations shall be provided if your property is nearing the maximum lot coverage. Green space is defined as vegetation. Structures, decks, driveways, patios, steps, pavers, beaches, walkways and all else that is not vegetation must be considered non-green space.



*We hope you have enjoyed this  
Edition of Laconia Links*

*We welcome your input, comments  
and suggestions!*

Feel free to contact us at the  
City Manager's office, 527-1270,  
or by e-mail at [info@city.laconia.nh.us](mailto:info@city.laconia.nh.us)

*Have a great weekend!*



Scott Myers, City Manager

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City's Website: [www.city.laconia.nh.us](http://www.city.laconia.nh.us)

*Check next week's issue for info on sheds...*